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Decision approving the programme of work of the Working Group on Ageing under the Housing, Land Management and Population subprogramme for 2014–2015

Background

1. At its sixth session (Geneva, 25-26 November 2013), the Working Group on Ageing adopted a draft programme of work of the Population component of the Housing, Land Management and Population subprogramme for 2014–2015 as contained in document ECE/WG.1/2013/6.

Draft Decision

2. The Executive Committee, at its seventy-fifth session on 10 February 2015, approves the programme of work for 2014–2015 as revised and contained in the annex.

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Annex

Draft programme of work of the Working Group on Ageing for 2014-2015 under the Housing, Land Management and Population subprogramme

Introduction

1. The present document sets out the draft programme of work for 2014–2015 of the population component of the Housing, Land Management and Population subprogramme. The Working Group on Ageing (WGA) is invited to consider the programme of work of the population component and subsequently adopt it at its sixth meeting. It will then be submitted to the Economic Commission for Europe (ECE) Executive Committee for formal approval. Should a need arise, the WGA will have the opportunity to adjust the population component's programme of work during the course of the biennium and such adjustments will be reflected in a separate document.

2. The draft programme of work applies a results-based approach. It comprises, for each cluster of activities, an expected accomplishment and a list of proposed outputs/activities for 2014–2015. The delivery of these outputs/activities is expected to contribute to achieving the expected results.

3. The grouping of activities into clusters is exactly the same as that used for the biennial evaluation of the subprogramme performance. The correlation between the ECE Strategic Framework and the cluster framework used for subprogramme biennial evaluation for 2014–2015 is shown in Annex II to the present document.

4. Furthermore, the outputs/activities listed in this document correspond with the ECE proposed programme budget for 2014–2015 and are complemented by additional items to reflect the more recent developments and needs of ECE member States. For easy reference, such new outputs/activities have been clearly indicated as "additional".

5. The outputs/activities have been listed under the cluster of activities to which they belong according to the following main categories: (a) meetings and related parliamentary documentation; (b) publications and other information material; and (c) technical cooperation, including, seminars, workshops, training sessions, advisory services.

6. The relevant indicators of achievement, together with baseline and target data against which performance will be measured, are presented in document ECE/WG.1/2013/7 in order to facilitate the task of the WGA to assess whether all outputs which are necessary to achieve the expected result have been included in the plan.

7. Finally, Annex I to the present document lists the ECE overall legislative mandates and those specific for the subprogramme.

I. Objective and strategy

8. The objective of the Population subprogramme is to improve the necessary knowledge base on population issues and strengthen the formulation and implementation of policies, enhancing social cohesion and developing capacities at the national and local levels.

9. The population component of the subprogramme works to ensure the implementation of the ECE Regional Strategy for the Madrid International Plan of Action on Ageing with a view to meeting the challenges arising from demographic change and releasing the unused potential of some population groups, in particular, older persons. It provides a platform for intergovernmental policy debate on matters relating to ageing and facilitates communication between a wider network of experts and non-governmental organizations. It also provides opportunities for exchange of experiences and best practices. It improves evidence-based policymaking and monitoring of the implementation of the Madrid International Plan of Action on Ageing by coordinating data collection and policy-oriented research on population ageing and intergenerational and gender relations.

10. The population component of the subprogramme also provides support to the development of national capacities for policy formulation in response to demographic change by providing policy advice on national action plans on ageing as well as capacity-building (training, workshops, seminars to national specialists and government officials).

II. Outputs/activities to be delivered in the 2014–2015 biennium

Cluster 1
Population Ageing

Description of cluster	*Expected accomplishments from this cluster*
Addressing policy challenges and maximizing opportunities of population ageing	Enhanced policies and actions for adjusting societies to population ageing

Outputs/activities

(a) Meetings and related parliamentary documentation

1.1 Sixth and seventh meetings of the Bureau of the Working Group on Ageing (6 half-day meetings)

1.2 Seventh and eighth annual meetings of the Working Group on Ageing (8 half-day meetings)

1.3 Reports of the annual meetings of the Working Group on Ageing (2)

1.4 Progress reports on activities in the field of population ageing, including reports of the meetings of the Bureau of the Working Group on Ageing (2)

1.5 Reports on specific topics related to population (3)

(b) Publications and other information material

1.6 Policy briefs on ageing (2)

1.7 Road Map for Mainstreaming Ageing (1)

1.8 Booklet of the Working Group on Ageing (1)

1.9 Press releases to be issued on the occasion of meetings, forums and the issuance of publications related to population activities (1)

1.10 Maintenance of the website providing access to information and documents related to population activities (1)

(c) Technical cooperation

1.11 Fact-finding and advisory missions to develop national capacities in the design and implementation of ageing related policies and programmes (1)

1.12 Workshop on ageing (1)

Cluster 2
Generations and Gender

Description of cluster	*Expected accomplishments from this cluster*
Analysis of intergenerational and gender relationships	Improved national and international knowledge base for policymaking on issues related to intergenerational and gender relations

Outputs/activities

(a) Meetings and related parliamentary documentation

2.1 Report on specific topic related to population (Generations and Gender Programme (GGP)) (1)

(b) Publications and other information material

2.2 Press releases to be issued on the occasion of meetings, forums and the issuance of publications related to GGP activities (1)

2.3 Maintenance of the website providing access to information and documents related to GGP (1)

2.4 Internet-accessible GGP research bibliography (1, additional)

(c) Technical cooperation

2.5 Field project: provision of support to national teams conducting Generations and Gender Surveys in several countries (1)

Appendix

Legislative mandates

A. Overall ECE legislative mandates

1. Resolutions of the General Assembly

Res No.	*Title*
57/270 B	Integrated and coordinated implementation of and follow-up to the outcomes of the major United Nations conferences and summits in the economic and social fields
64/217	Women in development
67/226	Quadrennial comprehensive policy review of operational activities for development of the United Nations system

2. Resolutions of the Economic and Social Council

Res No.	*Title*
2006/38	Workplan on reform of the Economic Commission for Europe and revised terms of reference of the Commission
2012/30	Role of the Economic and Social Council in the integrated and coordinated implementation of and follow-up to the outcomes of the major United Nations conferences and summits, in the light of relevant General Assembly resolutions, including resolution 61/16

3. Others

Res No.	*Title*
A (63)	The Work of the Economic Commission for Europe
A (65) (decision)	Outcome of the review of the 2005 reform of ECE

B. Legislative mandates specific to the Population component of the Housing, Land Management and Population subprogramme

1. Resolutions of the General Assembly

Res No.	*Title*
65/234	Follow-up to the International Conference on Population and Development beyond 2014
66/127	Follow-up to the Second World Assembly on Ageing
67/139	Towards a comprehensive and integral international legal instrument to promote and protect the rights and dignity of older persons

67/143	Follow-up to the Second World Assembly on Ageing
68/134	Follow-up to the Second World Assembly on Ageing

2. Resolutions of the Economic and Social Council

Res No.	*Title*
2004/2	Follow-up to the Programme of Action of the International Conference on Population and Development
2009/1	The contribution of the Programme of Action of the International Conference on Population and Development to the internationally agreed development goals, including the Millennium Development Goals
2010/14	Future implementation of the Madrid International Plan of Action on Ageing, 2002 (E/2010/26, chap. I, sect. A, draft resolution V, and E/2010/SR.45)
2011/28	Modalities for the second review and appraisal of the Madrid International Plan of Action on Ageing, 2002 (E/2011/26)
2012/232 (decision)	Special session of the General Assembly on follow-up to the International Conference on Population and Development beyond 2014
2012/234 (decision)	Report of the Commission on Population and Development on its forty-fifth session and provisional agenda for its forty-sixth session
2013/29	Second review and appraisal of the Madrid International Plan of Action on Ageing, 2002

3. Others

Res No.	*Title*
Commission for Social Development: Resolution 47/3 (2009)	First review and appraisal of the Madrid International Plan of Action on Ageing, 2002
ECE/AC.23/2002/2/Rev.6	Regional Implementation Strategy of the Madrid International Plan of Action on Ageing, 2002
ECE/AC.30/2007/6	Léon Ministerial Declaration "A Society for all Ages: Challenges and Opportunities"
ECE/AC.30/2012/3	Ministerial Declaration "Ensuring a society for all ages: Promoting quality of life and active ageing", Ministerial Conference on Ageing, Vienna, 19 and 20 September 2012